

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free + Accepted Masons
[Boston, MA]

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[Hamilton, Frederick,
Grand Secretary]

October 1st, 1919.

Mr. Frederick Hamilton, Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Masons,
Masonic Temple,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

We understand that the Grand Lodge of Masons is issuing a medal in commemoration of Henry Price. This organization has got a very large collection of Masonic medals, and is anxious to get specimens of all new medals issued in this country. Would it be possible for us to obtain one of these?

I beg to thank you, and remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator.



Office of the
Grand Secretary

The Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Masonic Temple,

Boston, January 13, 1920.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 1 asking for a copy of the Henry Price Medal was duly received, but not immediately answered for lack of a copy of type II of the medal hereafter described.

The Henry Price medal was struck in 1888 on the occasion of the dedication, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of a monument to Henry Price. Circumstances had compelled the removal of his remains from the place where they were originally interred, and it was upon this removal that the medal was struck.

Henry Price was the founder of duly constituted Masonry in America, acting under a commission from Lord Montague, then Grand Master of Masons in England, authorizing him to act as Provincial Grand Master for His Majesty's Britiannic possessions in North America. Henry Price founded,

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in 1733, a Grand Lodge in Boston, and chartered the first Lodge on this continent under charter from the Grand Lodge. This Lodge is now in existence as St. John's Lodge, of Boston.

The original medal was issued in commemoration of the dedication of the monument. Later, in 1916, the medal was issued as a distinguished service medal, and is now awarded by the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts to members of the Order who have so distinguished themselves as to merit such recognition.

The first die was made by a local die maker named Mitchell. It appears to have remained in his possession and on his death was lost. The second die, type II, omitting the date from the obverse, was made by the Gorham Manufacturing Company in 1919.

I take great pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, a copy of each type of the medal, with the compliments of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Fraternally yours,

Frederick W. Hamilton

Grand Secretary.

FWH/S

February 2, 1920

Frederick W. Hamilton, Esq.
Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The two medals came to hand the other day, and I beg to thank you very much for sending these on. Also I am very much obliged for the information that you have given us concerning them, as this information is what we naturally desire when we file away our medals. I again beg to thank you very much.

Very truly,

Curator.